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REMARKS

The Examiner has required Applicant to elect between groups of claims comprising

1. Claims 1 to 41, 50 to 54, directed to a method;
2. Claims 42 to 44, directed to an apparatus; and
3. Claims 45 to 49, directed to a product.

Applicant hereby elects claims 42 to 49, as amended, submitted herewith.

Applicant withdraws Claims 1 to 41, 50 to 54, without prejudice to its right to reassert each of these claims in a divisional application at a future date.

In the amended claims submitted herewith, Applicant has elected the claims of Group 2, and has at the same time amended the claims of Group 3 to be dependent directly or indirectly on independent Claim 42 of Group 2.

Applicant respectfully submits that as the result of the amendment to the claims of Group 3 submitted herewith, the product defined by the Group 3 claims does not now include such product as produced by means suggested by the Examiner, i.e. other than by the apparatus of Claim 42. Thus the Group 3 claims and the Group 2 claims now clearly define a single invention, the basis for the objection to the inclusion of the claims of Group 3 with the claims of Group 2 is now moot.

Conclusion

Applicant respectfully looks forward to further Office Action in relation to the elected and amended claims as submitted herewith.

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Should any further fees or payments be necessary for entry of this amendment and further prosecution of this application, the undersigned hereby authorizes the Commissioner to debit and/or credit our Deposit Account No. 16-0600.

Respectfully Submitted,



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